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Subject: Income Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Benefits: GI Bill
Student Financial Assistance

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS (Child Nutrition Programs) -Colorado ED, Colorado DPHE, Colorado DHS,
Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED, Missouri DH,
Montana OPI, Montana DPHHS, Nebraska ED,
Nebraska SS, North Dakota, South Dakota,
Utah, Wyoming ED, Wyoming DHSS

In response to recent questions, we are making a policy clarification with regard to household income that is to be excluded in making eligibility determinations of Free and Reduced Price benefits in the Child Nutrition Programs. Please be advised that educational scholarships and military assistance for education, including the GI Bill, are to be excluded as income even when part of the assistance is provided for room and board.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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